



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Galatians Week 1: Paul, An Apostle
April 4 & 7, 2024

LEADER NOTES: New Leader Trainings: May 19 in-person and May 20 on Zoom; **Spring trimester:** January 22–May 6; **Summer trimester:** June 3–July 28; **Fall trimester:** 8/19–12/8.

Leader Podcast - *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*: You can listen to every episode on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Secret Church: April 19, 7pm-1am, San Pablo Campus, \$15: Join us for a one-night, intensive Bible study led by Pastor David Platt walking through the entire book of Ruth. Secret Church is hosted by the 1825 Ministry, but the event is open to all ages. Bring your whole disciple group. [Click here for more details and to register.](#)

NEW: Serve at Beach Baptism, May 5, Hannah Park: There are many areas where you can serve and help hundreds of people get baptized. [Click here before April 28 to sign up.](#)

Beach Baptism Classes, Now through April 28, After every service at every campus (select opportunities for online Zoom classes): 20-minute class to learn about baptism, ask questions and get ready for this next step in your discipleship journey. [Click here](#) for more information.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Sermon Text: *Luke 4:18; John 8:32, 36; Acts 8:3, 9:1, 3-6, 13:39; 22:3-4; Romans 6:6-7, 18, 22, 8:2, 21; 1 Corinthians 9:1, 14:37-38, 15:8-10; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 1:1-4, 11-24; Philippians 3:4-5; Revelation 1:5*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

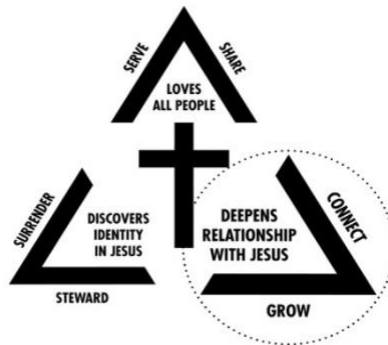
- **Read *Galatians 1:1-4 and 11-24*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **What are some of the reasons we should study books of the Bible instead of just a few verses at a time?** *(It's the way books of the Bible were written. It gives context: "Text without context is just a prooftext." It keeps us from just studying our favorite topics and passages. It keeps us from avoiding hard and uncomfortable topics. It helps us grow in our ability to study the Bible.)*
- **What were some of the teachings in the Galatian church that prompted Paul to write this letter?** *(Some were teaching that Jesus isn't enough for your salvation, you need to add Jewish law and religious rule keeping (with an emphasis on circumcision). Sometimes we are still tempted to add "have-tos" to our faith in Jesus. Paul says, No! You are free from that. It's Jesus + Nothing = Everything. You are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.)*
- **Freedom is written about throughout the Bible. Talk about some places you see freedom in the Old and New Testaments.** *(Adam & Eve lived in complete freedom in Eden until they sinned against God. Jesus saw his ministry as bringing freedom. See Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18; John 8:32, 36; Acts 13:39; Romans 6:7, 18, 22, 8:2, 21; 2 Corinthians 3:17; and Revelation 1:5.)*
- **Discover:** What made Saul, the chief Christian persecutor, become Paul, Jesus's chief proponent? *(Jesus revealed himself to Paul on the road to Damascus. (See Acts 9.) Paul didn't do anything, Jesus did it all. It wasn't "But when I _____." It was "But when He!")*
Deepen: Share when and how Jesus changed you from "But, when I," to, "But, when He."
- **Read Galatians 1:3-5**
Discover: What attributes of God do you see in these verses?
Deepen: Share what these verses and attributes of God mean to you and how they've changed your life. *(Grace is unmerited favor. You receive it, you don't achieve it. Jesus gives it to you freely. To deliver is to rescue, to set free. Jesus forgave you, set you free and took you from death to life.)*

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus

Pray and ask God what are some areas in which He is calling you to “Be Free.” Write them down and pray that Jesus will give you freedom *from* them and freedom for all that He has *for* you.

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